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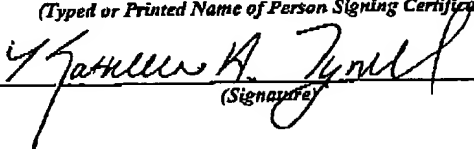
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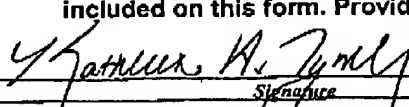
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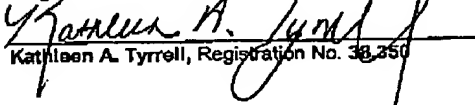
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Dear Sir:

Reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.111

This is a reply to the Office Action mailed December 29, 2005 setting a three (3) month statutory period for response. Please enter the following amendments and remarks into the record.

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Amendments to the Specification begin at page 3.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing  
of claims which begins on page 7 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 16.